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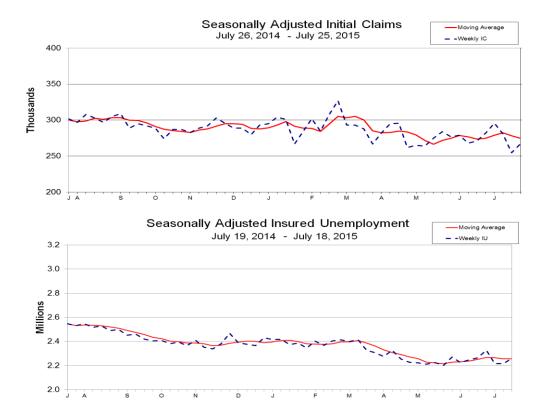
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

In the week ending July 25, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 267,000, an increase of 12,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 255,000. The 4-week moving average was 274,750, a decrease of 3,750 from the previous week's unrevised average of 278,500.

There were no special factors impacting this week's initial claims.

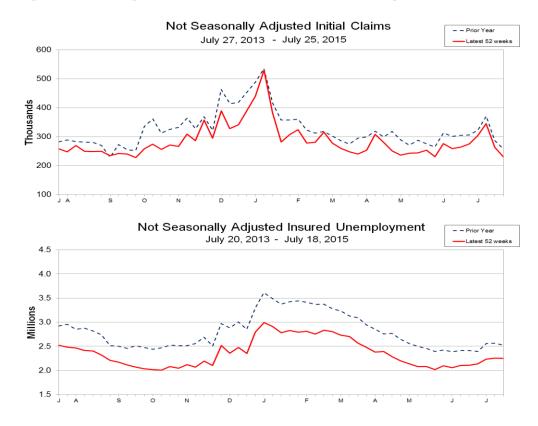
The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 1.7 percent for the week ending July 18, an increase of 0.1 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending July 18 was 2,262,000, an increase of 46,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up 9,000 from 2,207,000 to 2,216,000. The 4-week moving average was 2,255,250, a decrease of 750 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 2,250 from 2,253,750 to 2,256,000.



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 230,430 in the week ending July 25, a decrease of 32,519 (or -12.4 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 43,528 (or -16.6 percent) from the previous week. There were 257,625 initial claims in the comparable week in 2014.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 1.7 percent during the week ending July 18, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted number for persons claiming UI benefits in state programs totaled 2,248,140, a decrease of 5,336 (or -0.2 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected a decrease of 50,964 (or -2.3 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.9 percent and the volume was 2,524,006.



The total number of people claiming benefits in all programs for the week ending July 11 was 2,300,027, an increase of 21,802 from the previous week. There were 2,618,115 persons claiming benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2014.

No state was triggered "on" the Extended Benefits program during the week ending July 11.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 1,008 in the week ending July 18, a decrease of 148 from the prior week. There were 1,354 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 142 from the preceding week.

There were 10,284 former Federal civilian employees claiming UI benefits for the week ending July 11, an increase of 240 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 18,495, an increase of 733 from the prior week.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending July 11 were in Puerto Rico (3.8), New Jersey (3.0), Connecticut (2.7), Pennsylvania (2.6), the Virgin Islands (2.4), Alaska (2.3), California (2.3), Nevada (2.3), Rhode Island (2.3), and West Virginia (2.3).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending July 18 were in California (+1,948), Rhode Island (+382), and Idaho (+57), while the largest decreases were in New York (-21,082), Pennsylvania (-7,456), Illinois (-4,043), New Jersey (-3,941), and Texas (-3,174).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	July 25	July 18	Change	July 11	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	267,000	255,000	+12,000	281,000	302,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	230,430	262,949	-32,519	344,481	257,625
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	274,750	278,500	-3,750	282,500	300,250
WEEK ENDING	July 18	July 11	Change	July 4	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	2,262,000	2,216,000	+46,000	2,216,000 2,5	547,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	2,248,140	2,253,476	-5,336	2,233,931 2,5	524,006
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	2,255,250	2,256,000	-750	2,264,250 2,5	546,500
<u>Insured Unemployment Rate (SA)²</u>	1.7%	1.6%	+0.1	1.6%	1.9%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	1.7%	1.7%	0.0	1.7%	1.9%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 18	July 11	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	1,008	1,156	-148	1,429
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	1,354	1,496	-142	1,855

PERSONS CLAIMING UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	July 11	July 4	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	2,248,897	2,229,666	+19,231	2,558,986
Federal Employees	10,284	10,044	+240	14,579
Newly Discharged Veterans	18,495	17,762	+733	24,086
Extended Benefits ³	0	6	-6	108
State Additional Benefits ⁴	6,315	6,423	-108	5,713
STC / Workshare ⁵	16,036	14,324	+1,712	14,643
TOTAL	2,300,027	2,278,225	+21,802	2,618,115

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data

- 1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
- 2. Most recent week used covered employment of 134,803,907 as denominator.
- 3. Information on the EB program can be found here: EB Program information
- 4. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular, extended and emergency benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-5 of this link: Extensions and Special Programs PDF
- 5. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-9 of the following link: <u>Extensions and Special Programs PDF</u>

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Initial Clain	ns Filed During Wee	k Ended July 25	Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 18				
STATE	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Chang		
Alabama	2,807	4,075	-1,268	24,459	26,739	-2,280		
Alaska	934	903	31	7,270	7,379	-109		
Arizona	4,284	5,109	-825	36,430	39,105	-2,675		
Arkansas	2,301	2,501	-200	21,586	23,000	-1,414		
California	45,440	48,890	-3,450	381,386	356,765	24,621		
Colorado	2,102	2,250	-148	28,221	28,726	-505		
Connecticut	2,948	3,434	-486	45,003	44,504	499		
Delaware	611	688	-77	7,247	7,025	222		
District of Columbia	642	410	232	8,778	9,126	-348		
Florida	9,718	10,818	-1,100	65,238	68,420	-3,182		
	5,955	8,985		37,763				
Georgia			-3,030	8,093	42,794	-5,031		
Hawaii	1,255	1,271	-16 265		7,549	544		
Idaho	813	1,078	-265	6,136	7,128	-992		
Illinois	9,772	10,467	-695	123,296	116,809	6,487		
Indiana	3,174	3,852	-678	21,844	22,802	-958		
Iowa	2,380	2,199	181	19,346	19,463	-117		
Kansas	2,608	1,894	714	15,751	14,978	773		
Kentucky	2,614	4,248	-1,634	21,893	25,000	-3,107		
Louisiana	2,241	2,694	-453	26,390	27,985	-1,595		
Maine	642	830	-188	6,021	6,630	-609		
Maryland	3,429	3,677	-248	38,293	42,374	-4,081		
Massachusetts	4,686	5,040	-354	69,462	70,537	-1,075		
Michigan	5,908	10,098	-4,190	59,042	67,770	-8,728		
Minnesota	2,935	3,025	-90	34,344	33,082	1,262		
Mississippi	1,635	1,859	-224	16,093	18,360	-2,267		
Missouri	3,947	4,799	-852	32,984	37,944	-4,960		
Montana	585	700	-115	5,522	6,038	-516		
Nebraska	733	815	-82	7,385	7,708	-323		
Nevada	2,741	2,840	-99	25,720	27,557	-1,837		
New Hampshire	575	630	-55	5,166	5,562	-396		
New Jersey	7,872	7,979	-107	115,896	114,351	1,545		
New Mexico	942	1,048	-106	12,956	13,373	-417		
New York	15,573	17,903	-2,330	170,428	174,007	-3,579		
North Carolina	4,166	4,025	141	35,166	35,864	-698		
North Dakota	654	413	241	6,976	3,620	3,356		
Ohio	6,615			60,981				
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Oklahoma	1,638	1,784	-146	23,088	23,611	-523		
Oregon	3,770	4,732	-962	30,390	31,585	-1,195		
Pennsylvania	14,636	16,562	-1,926	152,561	143,667	8,894		
* Puerto Rico	2,198	2,473	-275	25,875	33,826	-7,951		
Rhode Island	776	1,372	-596	10,429	10,348	81		
South Carolina	2,543	4,004	-1,461	17,971	17,503	468		
South Dakota	169	193	-24	1,389	1,436	-47		
Tennessee	4,429	6,262	-1,833	29,744	32,172	-2,428		
Texas	15,935	16,431	-496	193,255	181,065	12,190		
Utah	942	1,083	-141	9,069	10,220	-1,151		
Vermont	402	364	38	4,225	4,031	194		
Virgin Islands	35	45	-10	824	876	-52		
Virginia	3,091	3,500	-409	30,870	29,969	901		
Washington	6,544	6,748	-204	46,656	45,528	1,128		
West Virginia	1,361	1,358	3	15,627	15,860	-233		
Wisconsin	5,336	6,212	-876	42,905	44,581	-1,676		
Wyoming	388	367	21	4,697	4,855	-158		
US Total	230,430	262,949	-32,519	2,248,140	2,253,476	-5,336		

Note: Advance Claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

^{*} Denotes state estimate

		Change from			Change from					
	Initial	Prior	4-Week	Insured	Prior	4-Week				
Week Ending	Claims	Week	Average	Unemployment	Week	Average	IUR			
July 19, 2014	289	-14	303.00	2,547	22	2,546.50	1.9			
July 26, 2014	302	13	300.25	2,532	-15	2,533.50	1.9			
August 2, 2014	297	-5	297.75	2,546	14	2,537.50	1.9			
August 9, 2014	308	11	299.00	2,518	-28	2,535.75	1.9			
August 16, 2014	303	-5	302.50	2,528	10	2,531.00	1.9			
August 23, 2014	297	-6	301.25	2,491	-37	2,520.75	1.9			
August 30, 2014	305	8	303.25	2,500	9	2,509.25	1.9			
September 6, 2014	309	4	303.50	2,452	-48	2,492.75	1.9			
September 13, 2014	289	-20	300.00	2,460	8	2,475.75	1.9			
September 20, 2014	295	6	299.50	2,421	-39	2,458.25	1.8			
September 27, 2014	292	-3	296.25	2,404	-17	2,434.25	1.8			
October 4, 2014	289	-3	291.25	2,409	5	2,423.50	1.8			
October 11, 2014	274	-15	287.50	2,383	-26	2,404.25	1.8			
October 18, 2014	287	13	285.50	2,395		2,397.75	1.8			
October 25, 2014	287	0	284.25	2,365		2,388.00	1.8			
November 1, 2014	283	-4	282.75	2,408		2,387.75	1.8			
November 8, 2014	289	6	286.50	2,352		2,380.00	1.8			
November 15, 2014	292	3	287.75	2,339		2,366.00	1.8			
November 22, 2014	303	11	291.75	2,383		2,370.50	1.8			
November 29, 2014	296	- 7	295.00	2,469		2,385.75	1.9			
December 6, 2014	289	-7	295.00	2,388		2,394.75	1.8			
December 13, 2014	289	0	294.25	2,377		2,404.25	1.8			
December 20, 2014	280	-9	288.50	2,366		2,400.00	1.8			
December 27, 2014	293	13	287.75	2,431		2,390.50	1.8			
January 3, 2015	295	2	289.25	2,415		2,397.25	1.8			
January 10, 2015	304	9	293.00	2,418		2,407.50	1.8			
January 17, 2015	301	-3	298.25	2,376		2,410.00	1.8			
January 24, 2015	267	-34		2,386		2,398.75	1.8			
January 31, 2015	284	17	289.00	2,346		2,381.50	1.8			
February 7, 2015	302	18	288.50	2,402		2,377.50	1.8			
February 14, 2015	285	-17	284.50	2,369		2,375.75	1.8			
		23	294.75			•				
February 21, 2015	308			2,405		2,380.50 2,397.50	1.8			
February 28, 2015	327	19	305.50	2,414		•	1.8			
March 7, 2015	293	-34	303.25	2,399		2,396.75	1.8			
March 14, 2015	293	0	305.25	2,413		2,407.75	1.8			
March 21, 2015	288	-5		2,327		2,388.25	1.7			
March 28, 2015	267	-21	285.25	2,308		2,361.75	1.7			
April 4, 2015	282	15		2,275		2,330.75	1.7			
April 11, 2015	295	13	283.00	2,327		2,309.25	1.7			
April 18, 2015	296	1	285.00	2,256		2,291.50	1.7			
April 25, 2015	262	-34		2,229		2,271.75	1.7			
May 2, 2015	265	3	279.50	2,223		2,258.75	1.7			
May 9, 2015	264	-1	271.75	2,212		2,230.00	1.6			
May 16, 2015	275	11	266.50	2,226		2,222.50	1.7			
May 23, 2015	284	9	272.00	2,204		2,216.25	1.6			
May 30, 2015	277	-7	275.00	2,272		2,228.50	1.7			
June 6, 2015	279	2	278.75	2,225		2,231.75	1.7			
June 13, 2015	268	-11	277.00	2,249		2,237.50	1.7			
June 20, 2015	271	3	273.75	2,265		2,252.75	1.7			
June 27, 2015	282	11	275.00	2,327		2,266.50	1.7			
July 4, 2015	296	14	279.25	2,216	-111	2,264.25	1.6			
July 11, 2015	281	-15	282.50	2,216	0	2,256.00	1.6			
July 18, 2015	255	-26	278.50	2,262	46	2,255.25	1.7			
July 25, 2015	267	12	274.75							

Insured Unemployment For Week Ended July 11 INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

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STATE	STATE	WEEK	AGO			STATE	2	WEEK	AGO		UCX 1	RETIREMENT
Alabama	4075	-1831	-253	13	22	26739	1.5	-324	-4177	126	184	27049
Alaska	903	-161	-77	1	1	7379	2.3	-143	-2373	68	73	7520
Arizona	5109	-2208	-286	28	18	39105	1.6	1122	-6390	345	221	39671
Arkansas	2501	-950	-147	6	8	23000	2.0	175	-1524	111	189	23300
California	48890	1948	-7039	237	233	356765		1936	-64566	1683	3495	361943
Colorado	2250	-647	-104	13	36	28726	1.2	1673	-3159	153	830	29709
Connecticut	3434	-1613	-231	6	16	44504	2.7	-490	-6460	87	170	44761
Delaware	688	-278	-81	5	2	7025	1.7	124	-1002	17	30	7072
District of Columbia	410	-87	-15	2	0	9126	1.7	178	-1834	354	14	9494
Florida	10818	-1928	-3320	18	72	68420	0.9	684	-25558	178	487	69085
Georgia	8985	-2353	-608	26	55	42794	1.1	-1787	-9596	291	645	43730
Hawaii	1271	-270	-115	7	18	7549	1.3	-588	-2711	82	169	7800
Idaho	1078	57	-103	1	3	7128	1.1	-164	-1630	27	44	7199
Illinois	10467	-4043	-230	10	32	116809	2.1	1737	-20699	430	527	117766
Indiana	3852	-1102	-598	8	16	22802	0.8	662	-7691	94	112	23008
Iowa	2199	-1428	165	5	7	19463	1.3	-512	287	70	100	19633
Kansas	1894	-928	-1783	2	18	14978	1.1	422	-3501	91	168	15237
Kentucky	4248	-2691	747	20	16	25000	1.4	2229	-2508	335	357	25692
Louisiana	2694	-757	151	6	11	27985	1.5	1180	4599	35	71	28091
Maine	830	-61	-331	0	2	6630	1.2	-11	-1986	18	39	6687
Maryland	3677	-876	-395	19	26	42374	1.8	95	-9993	321	294	42989
Massachusetts	5040	-1620	-744	15	22	70537	2.1	-226	-11196	209	399	71145
Michigan	10098	-3006	-377	11	27	67770	1.7	12290	-22711	134	306	68210
Minnesota	3025	-870	-152	7	8	33082	1.2	-2232	-2976	71	182	33335
Mississippi	1859	-878	-296	1	8	18360	1.7	445	-5663	83	57	18500
Missouri	4799	-1841	-803	53	5	37944	1.5	129	-3843	256	175	38375
Montana	700	-170	-303 -77	1	3	6038	1.4	-402	-484	71	43	6152
Nebraska	815	-850	-250	3	4	7708	0.8	474	-1276	31	25	7764
Nevada	2840	-1047	-230 -784	4	8	27557	2.3	125	-3004	81	172	27810
New Hampshire	630	-1047 -141		0	2	5562	0.9	-239		18	7	5587
			-118		34				-1645		476	115046
New Jersey	7979	-3941	-838	15	54 6	114351		2097	-16630	219		13046
New Mexico	1048	-231	-77	7		13373	1.7	31	-2376	144	104	
New York	17903	-21082	-1680	47	61	174007		-2003	-19388	571	924	175502
North Carolina	4025	-889	-1535	16	40	35864	0.9	265	-16516	165	478	36507
North Dakota	413	-143	182	20	1	3620	0.8	-344	1513	153	12	3785
Ohio	8012	-845	-1692	9	32	62269	1.2	-70	-7474	130	435	62834
Oklahoma	1784	-449	270	8	19	23611	1.5	-198	6091	77	162	23850
Oregon	4732	-1671	182	27	26	31585	1.9	-565	-4290	236	267	32088
Pennsylvania	16562	-7456	-412	96	65	143667		641	-15509	608	632	144907
Puerto Rico	2473	-1009	-586	2	20	33826	3.8	1084	-5415	85	179	34090
Rhode Island	1372	382	345	4	1	10348	2.3	117	-1595	24	44	10416
South Carolina	4004	-1511	-946	4	18	17503	0.9	-870	-4872	44	151	17698
South Dakota	193	-39	-10	22	0	1436	0.4	-89	-8	243	6	1685
Tennessee	6262	-1503	945	15	18	32172	1.2	1555	-4302	119	183	32474
Texas	16431	-3174	220	83	174		1.6	1069	25417	598	2846	184509
Utah	1083	-430	-192	50	3	10220	0.8	67	-1076	244	65	10529
Vermont	364	-132	-42	1	1	4031	1.4	-63	-534	14	5	4050
Virgin Islands	45	-9	7	0	0	876	2.4	58	90	6	18	900
Virginia	3500	-1156	-393	20	34	29969	0.9	37	-6295	307	689	30965
Washington	6748	-1260	354	21	77	45528	1.5	-1430	-4498	192	1040	46760
West Virginia	1358	-323	174	4	8	15860	2.3	1034	934	92	69	16021
Wisconsin	6212	-1909	-204	8	17	44581	1.6	-1286	-9651	121	97	44799
Wyoming	367	-122	82	1	0	4855	1.8	-154	1966	22	28	4905
Totals	262949	-81532	-24100	1008	1354	2253476	1.7	19545	-309688	10284	18495	2282255

Figures Appearing In columns showing Over-The-Week Changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by State agencies.

The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.

Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of US total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 18, 2015

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
CA	+1,948	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
NY	-21,082	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, educational service, and health care and social assistance industries.
PA	-7,456	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, and construction industries.
IL	-4,043	No comment.
NJ	-3,941	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, retail trade, health care and social assistance, construction, accommodation and food service, educational service, and manufacturing industries.
TX	-3,174	No comment.
MI	-3,006	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
KY	-2,691	No comment.
GA	-2,353	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, health care and social assistance, and trade industries.
ΑZ	-2,208	No comment.
FL	-1,928	Fewer layoffs in the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and service industries.
WI	-1,909	No comment.
MO	-1,841	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, and accommodation and food service industries.
AL	-1,831	Fewer layoffs in the administrative and support and waste management and remediation service, manufacturing, construction, and accommodation and food service industries.
OR	-1,671	No comment.
MA	-1,620	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, health care and social service, and accommodation and food service industries.
CT	-1,613	No comment.
SC	-1,511	No comment.
TN	-1,503	No comment.
IA	-1,428	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
WA	-1,260	No comment.
VA	-1,156	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing industry.
IN	-1,102	No comment.
NV	-1,047	No comment.
PR	-1,009	No comment.

TECHNICAL NOTES

This news release presents the weekly unemployment insurance (UI) claims reported by each state's unemployment insurance program offices. These claims may be used for monitoring workload volume, assessing state program operations and for assessing labor market conditions. States initially report claims directly taken by the state liable for the benefit payments, regardless of where the claimant who filed the claim resided. These are the basis for the advance initial claims and continued claims reported each week. These data come from ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report. The following week initial claims and continued claims are revised based on a second reporting by states that reflect the claimants by state of residence. These data come from the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data Report.

A. Initial Claims

An initial claim is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claimant requests a determination of basic eligibility for the UI program. When an initial claim is filed with a state, certain programmatic activities take place and these result in activity counts including the count of initial claims. The count of U.S. initial claims for unemployment insurance is a leading economic indicator because it is an indication of emerging labor market conditions in the country. However, these are weekly administrative data which are difficult to seasonally adjust, making the series subject to some volatility.

B. Continued Weeks Claimed

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. Continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. Continued claims reflect the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits in the nation. While continued claims are not a leading indicator (they roughly coincide with economic cycles at their peaks and lag at cycle troughs), they provide confirming evidence of the direction of the U.S. economy.

C. Seasonal Adjustments and Annual Revisions

Over the course of a year, the weekly changes in the levels of initial claims and continued claims undergo regularly occurring fluctuations. These fluctuations may result from seasonal changes in weather, major holidays, the opening and closing of schools, or other similar events. Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on the level of a series can be tempered by adjusting for regular seasonal variation. These adjustments make trend and cycle developments easier to spot. At the beginning of each calendar year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics provides the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) with a set of seasonal factors to apply to the unadjusted data during that year. Concurrent with the implementation and release of the new seasonal factors, ETA incorporates revisions to the UI claims historical series caused by updates to the unadjusted data.

Weekly Claims Archives Weekly Claims Data

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